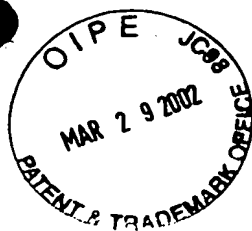


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SIR:

Responsive to the Notice dated December 31, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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